

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend lines 5-12 of page 19 as follows:

A5 In addition, in such lifted state, the contracting force by the stretching members 5, 5 . . . is applied to the standing cuff B itself. Therefore, the standing portion 10 is able to stand in the substantially vertical direction. The surface-contacting portion 20 also stands vertically. However, since the portion corresponding to the surface-contacting portion (the extension of the surface-contacting portion 20) being folded back and inverted is fixed to the portion corresponding to the standing portion 20A, vertical standing is limited and the surface-contacting portion 20 stands facing outward and keeping the standing force in the vertical direction (shown with an arrow in Fig. 2).

Please amend lines 14-22 of page 20 as follows:

76 Fig. 4 depicts the second embodiment. The second embodiment differs from the first embodiment in that the diaper of the second embodiment is provided with a plane-gathering cuff G which is gathered by means of the contracting force by stretching members 5D, 5D . . . and brought into surface-contact with the wearer's skin, and in that the diaper is provided with the stretching member 5C in the vicinity of the edge where the surface-contacting portion 20 folds back halfway as indicated as a modified example of the standing cuff B itself. Such provision of the stretching member 5C gives an advantage of reliable surface-contact of a surface-contacting portion 20.

Please amend lines 8-18 of page 36 as follows:

A7 In the longitudinally outboard portion of the internal side of the double standing sheet 6 is fixed to the longitudinally extended back end portion of the liquid pervious top sheet 1 with e.g. hot melt adhesive. In this embodiment, the liquid pervious top sheet 1 longitudinally extends beyond the back end of the absorbent core 3 so as to form a waist flap F. The internal side standing sheet 6 is fixed to the waist flap WF. Therefore, as shown in Fig. 27, a proximal edge E2 of the standing cuff WB for the wearer's waist is disposed on the waist flap F. The longitudinally inboard portion with respect to the proximal edge E2 defines a standing portion WZ, which is not fixed to the diaper body but free therefrom. It is preferable that the length L of the standing portion ZW in the longitudinal direction of the article is at least 10mm. Particularly in the case of a diaper, the length L is preferably 30mm to 80mm.